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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Hirokazu TAKEUTI et al.

Application No.: 09/917,856

Filed: July 31, 2001

For: PRELIMINARY MEMBER OF OPTICAL DEVICE COMPONENT WITH

OPTICAL FIBER

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

April 7, 2003

Group Art Unit: 2874

Examiner: D. Valencia

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Sir:

Applicants petition for an extension of time for one month for response to the outstanding Office Action dated December 5, 2003 from March 5, 2003 to April 7, 2003 (March 5 being a Saturday and March 6 being a Sunday).

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